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Dated 12th October, 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools, popularly known as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The scheme covers about 11.6 crore children enrolled in Classes I to VIII in 11.34 lakh Government schools and Government Aided Schools.

2. You may recall that during the meetings of Programme Approval Board-Mid Day Meal (PAB-MDM) held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, several States & UTs have raised various issues including request for upward revision of honorarium of cook-cum-helpers, MME etc. This ministry is in the process of revision and modification of the existing Mid Day Meal Scheme. You may also be aware that the National Education Policy (NEP) has been approved by the Government of India. In the context of Mid Day Meal Scheme, the NEP envisages

- i) Inclusion of pre-primary class (Bal Vatika) children under MDM
- ii) Inclusion of simple and energetic breakfast under MDM

3. Suggestions of the major stakeholders i.e. States and UTs, would be significant in preparation of a comprehensive self-explanatory Note for Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) for continuous improvement of the scheme, revision and modification of existing components, inclusion of components envisaged in NEP and other new components.

4. The suggestions from the States & UTs may be considered for inclusion in the EFC to be placed before various appraisal agencies as well as the Expenditure Finance Committee.

5. It would be appreciated if you could kindly deliberate among the stake holders in the State / UT and send suggestions to this Department by 23rd October, 2020.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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To

The Additional Chief Secretaries / Principal Secretaries / Secretaries Education or the Nodal Department for implementation of Mid Day Meal in all States and UTs.

